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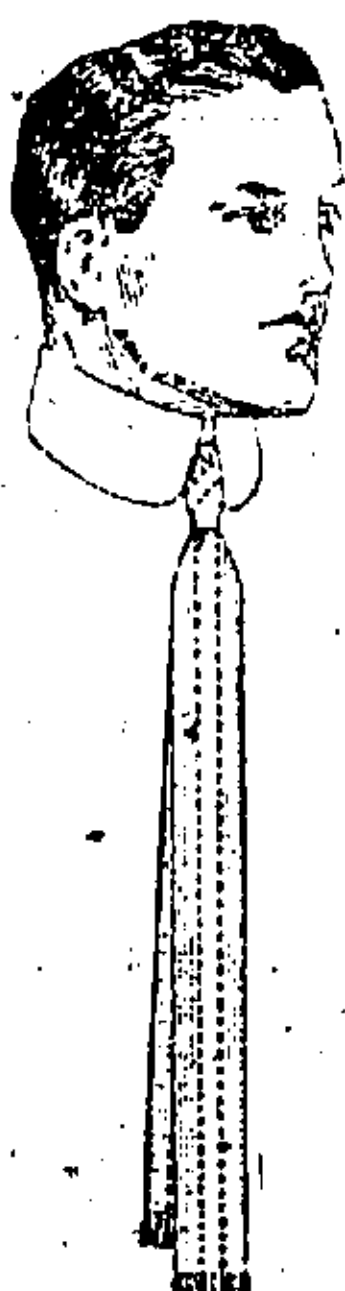
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ATTACK ON WAR.

REMOVING THE CAUSES OF DISTRUST.

PACIFIC PROBLEMS TACKLED.

JAPAN READY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

AMERICA'S MORAL SUPPORT FOR CHINA.

LONDON, Nov. 16.

Liberal opinion in Britain disagrees with Mr. Balfour's objections to a complete naval holiday on the ground that this is a dangerous breach of the whole conception of a holiday, the prime object of which it is contended would be to raise the question of the wisdom or necessity for any replacement at all at the end of a decade.

AMERICA'S PACIFIC FORTS.

The Japanese at Washington are undertaking an active campaign with a view to influencing the Conference to bring pressure to bear on the United States to reduce the fortifications at Guam, Hawaii and the Philippines as a concomitant of naval reduction. The Japanese Premier's reminder of the necessity of removing the causes of distrust and suspicion has been widely re-echoed at Washington. It is pointed out in this connection that even hopes raised by disarmament prospects cannot dislodge the Far Eastern question from central places.

Whether America has another surprise to spring regarding China is not yet known.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.

Some correspondents consider that conference action will include a Shantung settlement involving British and French withdrawal from Weihaiwei and Kwong Chau Wan, the abolition of spheres of influence, and further development of the Consortium to ensure application of loans to purely productive purposes. Such a programme if coupled with dissolution of the Anglo-Japanese would lay a heavy strain on Japan's goodwill, but Japan's attitude is favourably impressing observers and as she appears ready to make concessions in the Shantung question it is not thought likely that Mr. Hughes will follow up his disarmament proposals with a speech on China and Siberia.

PARTING OF THE WAYS.

It is evident that Americans expect the Anglo-Japanese Alliance will be ended. Members of the Japanese delegation are being cited as recognising that they must become reconciled to the inevitable. An eminent Japanese is credited by one English correspondent with the statement that England and Japan have come to the parting of the ways "where we separate with friendliest feelings."

NAVAL EXPERTS MEET.

WASHINGTON, November 16.

Far Eastern questions were discussed to-day by a committee of representatives of nine powers. It is expected that the task of drafting the agenda will be entrusted to a small sub-committee.

Meanwhile the committee of naval experts has held its first sitting and compared impressions on America's reduction plan. It is pointed out that the British are not positively committed to any substantial amendments though favouring a small amount of naval construction and opposing the use of submarines in warfare but urging the importance of retaining one naval shipyard in order to keep ships in repair and replace any lost accidentally.

CHINA'S ATTITUDE DEFINED.

LONDON, November 16.

A special message from Washington gives a detailed statement regarding China's interests and attitude on Far Eastern questions which was made by Mr. Alfred Sze at the first meeting of the committee on Pacific and Far Eastern questions to-day. No programme was fixed but the heads of the delegations of the nine powers forming the committee decided to meet later to-day to arrange the procedure. It is understood that Mr. Sze vigorously urged the maintenance of the open door, also the abolition of secret treaties affecting China. He proposed that hereafter all such treaties between the powers should be made public.

There was no response from the Japanese delegation after China had presented her views, although general discussion developed. Mr. Sze did not raise the question of the future of Shantung or the question of granting foreign concessions in China and both questions were left for later discussion.

FRENCH PREMIER'S SPEECH.

WASHINGTON, November 16.

It is noteworthy that M. Briand's speech at the conference yesterday while declaring that France was behind Mr. Hughes in his proposals, said that the war had affected France's fleet which was already much weaker than it ought to be and that when the question of land disarmament, which had more serious consequences to France, was discussed he was convinced it would be recognised that France only kept an army sufficient for her needs.

The Associated Press understands that Mr. Hughes agreed that no signatures shall be fixed to a naval agreement until the positions of France and Italy have been worked out as definitely as those of the three major powers.

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ATTACK ON WAR.

AMERICA'S BUILDING PROGRAMME.

WASHINGTON, November 16.

Mr. Britten, a member of the naval committee of the House of Representatives, has introduced a resolution into the House of Representatives for cessation of work and expenditure on nine battleships and six battle cruisers.

AIR CRAFT PLAN.

America's decision to exclude aircraft from the disarmament plan goes deeper than Mr. Hughes' statement when he described the limitation of aircraft as impracticable. It is understood that American experts feel that unless the Governments are permitted to experiment in air craft development aviation will be retarded, but it is expected the conference will adopt a resolution prohibiting the bombing of defenceless cities and hospitals.

AMERICA SUPPORTS CHINA.

LONDON, Nov. 16.

A special message from Washington reports that it is authoritatively stated the Chinese proposals on the subject of the Far East have the moral support of the American delegation. Mr. Sze insisted on presentation of Chinese territorial integrity and political and administrative independence, China in return agreeing not to alienate or lease any portion of her territory to any foreign power. All special rights, privileges, immunities or commitments now held in China by foreign powers would be carefully re-examined and all existing limitations upon China's political, juridical and administrative action would be removed. Provision would also be made for future international discussions of the Far Eastern situation.

HOSTILE BOLSHEVİK PROPAGANDA.

BRITAIN'S STRONG NOTE TO THE SOVIET.

FRANCE OPPOSES RENEWED RELATIONS.

LONDON, November 16.

Reuter learns that the British Government has handed the Soviet a firmly worded note repelling M. Chicherin's allegations that British evidence of hostile Bolshevik propaganda is founded on forged documents manufactured in Germany and elsewhere. The note points out that the Soviet's reply consisted of false allegations and quibbles. No attempt was made to answer serious charges of hostile propaganda in Persia, Afghanistan and Central Asia.

USELESS AND DANGEROUS.

PARIS, November 16.

The Foreign Minister has informed Britain that it considers renewal of relations with the Soviet useless and dangerous. It points out that the Soviet's promise to recognise debts excludes war debts, also compensation due to foreign nationals who were dispossessed of their goods.

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL WORRIES.

MONETARY CRISIS COMING SOON.

INDEMNITY DEFAULT ALMOST CERTAIN.

LONDON, November 16.

Mr. Andreas, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Kleinwort and Sons, bankers, has returned to London after an extensive visit of investigation at Berlin. Interviewed he expressed the opinion that Germany was heading towards a financial and monetary crisis and was bound to default for the whole or part of the next indemnity payment.

PARIS, November 16.

The Journal publishes a message from Berlin stating that the German Government has unanimously agreed that payment of half a milliard of marks due on January 15 cannot be made unless a large loan can be obtained from industrial or other sources. Meanwhile the Government is considering approaching the Reparations Commission in an endeavour to arrange postponement of payment.

DUTCH CRUISER COMING EAST.

STAY AT PORTSMOUTH FOR REPAIRS.

LONDON, November 16.

The Dutch cruiser "De Zeven Provinciën," en route to the East Indies has been lying at Spithead for several days. She has now entered Portsmouth to repair a defect in the steering gear.

PORT OF LONDON STOCK.

LONDON, November 16.

The Port of London issue was over subscribed in a few hours. [A previous cable stated:—The Port of London Authority will shortly issue £2,000,000 6 per cent. stock at the price of 96.]

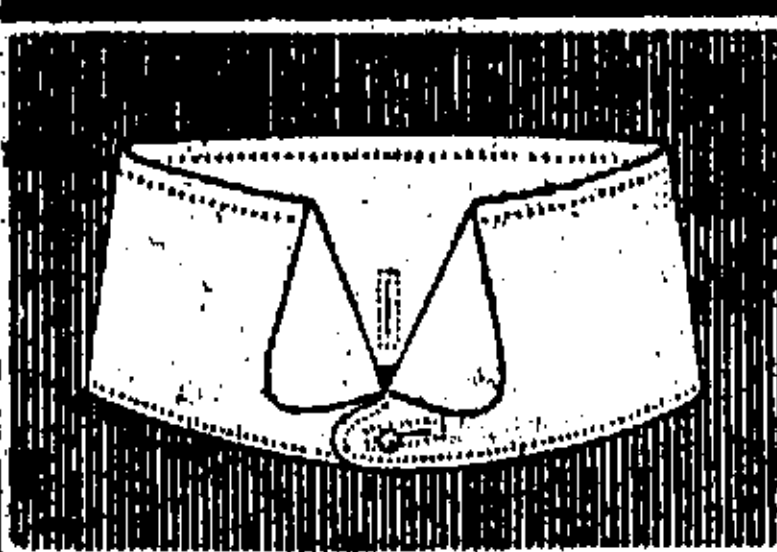
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOV. 17, 1921.

STOP WASTING MONEY ON EDUCATION.

We have never at any time favoured compulsory education, but we have written so much in favour of more and better school work here, and have so frequently chidden the Government for parsimony in this department that we recognize the attitude we take in this article must appear inconsistent, if not a complete right-about-face. The *China Mail* will never persist in opinion that it discovers to be erroneous, and we have to announce that in censuring our Government from time to time for chattering in its educational expenditure we were unwary of one factor that should most certainly have been considered, if we had but known of it. We did not guess until quite recently that in all things our Government was working on a well considered scheme and policy. Thus easy it is to be unjust, when one is not in possession of all the material facts. His Excellency's very clear and definite explanation on Monday, of the intentions with which he has taken new and extraordinary powers to "get rid of the presence in this Colony of British subjects and revolutionaries of various kinds, whatever their nationality may be," not only excuses and justifies any past reluctance to extend education in this

community, but would—as we should have hastened to admit and point out if we had rightly understood the policy of our administration—have warranted a considerable reduction in the vote for education. We are all agreed, without troubling to inform ourselves as to what it is, that we do not want Bolshevism; and it is probable that most of us are averse from any sort of revolution. Revolution is so disturbing. We can assure His Excellency of popular support in combating these things. Indeed, many of us have been co-operating, very effectively, without realizing that our instinctive line of action was so suitable to the Government's clear-cut and well considered scheme. There cannot be much doubt in any observant and thoughtful mind that the origin of all revolutionary ideas is education. The young get ideas, and being young, they wish to apply them. Such wishes lead to absurd discontents, and proposals of all sorts that are invariably called reforms. There never was a reformer who wasn't at heart a revolutionist. People who would be more or less contented with things as they are, and who would order themselves so as to make the best of them, are disturbed and misled by ideas derived from thinking about things they have been taught, into desiring changes and advocating changes. Dr. Hodgkin, a recent lecturer here, came within the category of "revolutionaries of various kinds." We enjoy the distinction of being the only newspaper to point out at the time the revolutionary nature of his references to the exploiting of labour, which we can only suppose were overlooked by His Excellency, who lent the lectures some countenance. "The world is in a disturbed state at the moment," the Governor very truly said. It was in a disturbed state while that lecturer was lecturing, and would be still more disturbed if the lectures were taken seriously. Such

lectures share with all organized education the responsibility of breeding and nourishing "revolutionaries of various kinds," people who want to change things, who disturb us who are comfortable as we are, and who, we now gather from His Excellency's timely announcement, are to be got rid of. If we had but known this before, we should not have supported those who clamour for more and better education here. It is obvious, is it not, that now we realize the plan of the authorities, we cannot consistently urge them to do more of the educating that not only makes people think, but frequently, to our great regret, leads them to think otherwise than we think. Rather would it justify us to urge further economies, the dispersal of the School Board, the dismissal of the Director of Education, a drastic reduction in the number of our teachers, and the conversion of the school buildings into cinema palaces.

WHO ARE THE LAND SPECULATORS?

In the course of his address to the Legislative Council, dealing with some suggestions that his department should have bigger and farther-sighted plans, the Honourable Mr. T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works, spoke of pieces of land that are bought up by speculators "as soon as it is known the Government is coming in." Commenting on this, our esteemed contemporary the *Daily Press* regretted that one of the chief objects of town planning "is being largely defeated by such speculation in land along contemplated roads as, in the words of H. E. the Governor, makes any system of development in the future prohibitive in cost. Means (our morning contemporary continues) ought to be found to prevent this, and we think in these circumstances that the whole question should be considered by a committee." We agree, if sufficient knowledgeable and trustworthy persons can be found to serve as such a committee. Such a committee should be appointed as auditors and scrutineers are or should be chosen, and not nominated from amongst a number of polite gentlemen who would be willing to handle the whitewash brush. Who, the public should be told, are these land speculators whose game is to squeeze the government? And how do they get their information as to government intentions? Is there any suspicion of leakage from any persons having "inside information"? Such things as these the proposed committee, if it were to do any good, would have to ascertain and expose. It is obvious, is it not, that with the law of libel what it is, and the not very large local toleration of newspaper publicity, no newspaper can afford to pursue such enquiries. The *China Mail* alleges nothing. It merely, as with a gesture, indicates an essential line of enquiry.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Motor car No. 45 yesterday knocked down an 8-year old Chinese boy in Peking Road, Kowloon, causing injuries requiring medical attention. The driver stopped the car and removed the lad to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Charged with having been unlawfully on certain premises at 266 Des Voeux Road with the object of committing a felony, a young Chinese named Yeung-on was committed for trial by Magistrate Lindsell at the Police Court yesterday.

Knocked down by a heavily laden truck in Public Square Street, Yaumatei, yesterday, a Chinese woman, aged 86 years, sustained injuries which necessitated her removal to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where she is reported to be progressing favourably.

The following names have been added to the general Committee which is making arrangements for the reception of the Prince of Wales: Messrs. R. M. Dyer, J. Reid, Hector Sassoon, Marsh, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, R. Hancock and Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R.

The entire city of Osaka sat in absolute darkness for fifty minutes the other night because a cat had been electrocuted. The cat fell across the master switch at the Ajikawa power house, causing a short circuit which blew out all the fuses. It took fifty minutes to repair the damage.

Many members of the Japanese community and European friends attended the funeral service held in the Union Church for Francis Akina Toko, the boy who was killed in the motor accident in the New Territories last Friday. The Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald who conducted the service also officiated at the ceremony which took place at the crematorium afterwards.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A quantity of valuable jewellery will be sold by Messrs Hughes and Hugh to-morrow afternoon.

The death occurred at Shanghai early on Thursday morning at the Isolation Hospital of Mr. Jack Johnston, eldest son of Inspector Johnston of the Municipal Police.

The Metropolitan Police Administration announces that a census taken during the autumn shows the total population of Peking to be 924,334. The figures do not include the suburbs.

It is announced that the Hankow Railway Transportation Trust Company has been organized by business men of Hankow with a capital of \$2,000,000 in 20,000 shares. The company intends to establish branches along the more important stations of the Peking-Hankow, Tientsin-Pukow, Lunghai, Peking-Suiyuan, Peking-Mukden, Chenta, and Taoshing Railways.

Japanese rice merchants have been importing rice from California in view of the bad crop of rice at home, and every liner that returned to Japan from America has carried a fair quantity of rice. The T. K. K. Perkins, Director of Public Works, spoke of pieces of land that are bought up by speculators "as soon as it is known the Government is coming in." Commenting on this, our esteemed contemporary the *Daily Press* regretted that one of the chief objects of town planning "is being largely defeated by such speculation in land along contemplated roads as, in the words of H. E. the Governor, makes any system of development in the future prohibitive in cost. Means (our morning contemporary continues) ought to be found to prevent this, and we think in these circumstances that the whole question should be considered by a committee." We agree, if sufficient knowledgeable and trustworthy persons can be found to serve as such a committee. Such a committee should be appointed as auditors and scrutineers are or should be chosen, and not nominated from amongst a number of polite gentlemen who would be willing to handle the whitewash brush. Who, the public should be told, are these land speculators whose game is to squeeze the government? And how do they get their information as to government intentions? Is there any suspicion of leakage from any persons having "inside information"? Such things as these the proposed committee, if it were to do any good, would have to ascertain and expose. It is obvious, is it not, that with the law of libel what it is, and the not very large local toleration of newspaper publicity, no newspaper can afford to pursue such enquiries. The *China Mail* alleges nothing. It merely, as with a gesture, indicates an essential line of enquiry.

Another big delegation of American manufacturers and business men is due here some time next year. The Anderson Overseas Corporation of New York will send the "St. Louis" laden with samples of American manufactures, to all the leading ports of the world under the auspices of prominent business and industrial men in the United States. The vessel is to leave New York in January next, and will proceed to Africa, Australia, China (calling at Hongkong) India and thence to Europe, reaching New York again in September.

Journalism should maintain an attitude of charity toward other nations, said Lord Northcliffe in a speech before about 50 Tokyo newspaper men with whom he dined at the Uyeno Saiyoken at Tokyo. "I have a rule for my newspapers," the eminent publisher said, "that we have no right to be critical of other peoples. There is enough to criticize in our own country. We confine criticism to the home country, and thus we succeed in obtaining some results and avoid giving offence to other nations."

Former Senator James D. Phelan of California left Tokyo on November 4 for Western Japan, planning to spend a few days in Kyoto and Kobe before going on to Korea and China. Mr. Phelan is on a trip around the world. While in Tokyo he was the guest of some prominent Japanese leaders at the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, with whom he discussed American-Japanese questions. He was also entertained by the Mayor of Tokyo, Baron Goto, with whom he talked municipal problems. Mr. Phelan was once Mayor of San Francisco.

More publicity in international dealings, so that the people of the world may know what their governments are doing in regard to the issues of the day, was manifestly the desire of the Press Congress of the World, recently ended at Honolulu. Press Congress delegates now on a tour of the Far East arrived in Japan on the "Tenyo Maru" on November 3, and registered at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. Permanent peace for the countries of the world, the delegates said, appeared to be the greatest desire of the 150 delegates, representing 18 countries.

The terms by which Mr. D. Ito, the aged millionaire mine owner of Kyushu, Japan, will grant a divorce to his wife, the beautiful poetess, Aki-ko have been announced. Apparently no strings are tied to his offer other than that pertaining to his property. It is said that the divorce will be granted and that his will-give Aki-ko all her clothing and jewellery, valued at ¥50,000, in return for the estates and bonds registered by him in her name, which are valued at ¥2,000,000. Viscount Yanagawa is insisting that his sister re-enter the family and give up her youthful lover, Mr. Miyazaki, but this, it is said, she has refused to do. She has written poems to her friends announcing her intention to live her own life at last unhampered by family ties or customs.—*Japan Advertiser*.

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The funeral of the late Mr. William George Lay, Commissioner of Customs, whose death at the Peak Hospital was reported yesterday, took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, when many attended to pay their last tribute.

The principal mourners were Mr. A. H. Lay (son) and Mr. R. C. Comrie (brother-in-law).

Among those present at the graveside were Capt. Neville, A.D.C., representing H.E. the Governor, the Chief Justice, Sir William J. Rees Davies, K.C., the Puisne Judge, Mr. H.H.J. Gompertz, the Colonial Secretary, Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., the Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J.H. Kemp, K.C., the Hon. Mr. H.E. Pollock, K.C., Lieut.-Col. Nicholson, Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R., Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Mr. S.B.B. McElerry, the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Mr. Moore, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. T. H. King, Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. P. L. Knight, Mr. A. E. Martin, Mr. A. J. W. Rosser and many others, including Chinese members of the local Customs Office staff.

There was a large collection of floral tributes including one from H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs.

The Rev. Dr. C. R. Duppy, Bishop of Victoria, conducted the burial service, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett.

Wraths were sent by "Nora and Dick," "Kate and Arnold," "Minnie and Arthur," "Sheila, Alan and Douglas," "Betty," and "M. C. D." Sir R. E. and Lady Stubbs, Lady Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. E. de W. Abney, Mr. Ah Cheung, Mr. Au Chuk Ming, Lieut.-Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O. (Leppa Colours), Dr. and Mrs. G.D.R. Black, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bevington, Mr. John Bartholomew, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cooper and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cavalier, Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Dovey, Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. A. Denison, Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edkins, Miss E. M. Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. J. Gompertz, Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R., the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Dr. and Mrs. G. Montagu Harston, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. C. Hornell, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. R. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hillard, Mr. W. M. Humphreys, Mr. G. J. Harman, Mr. Ho Pak Ping, Mr. Ho Kwong, Mrs. Jenkinson, the Hon. Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Kemp, Mr. S. A. Klubien, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chupak, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leask, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. Douglas M. Larkins, Mr. B. Lake, Mr. Lau Sing Chuen, Mr. Leung Yau Tong, Mr. Lai Yan Sang, Mrs. Alexander Mackenzie and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Melville Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacLachlan, Mr. A. E. Martin, Mr. A. Morrison, C. B. W. Moore, Mr. Ng Kwok Hing and family, Mr. James Ormiston, the Hon. Mr. H. E. and Mrs. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Parker Rees, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Purves and Mr. D. J. Purves, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. W. Rosser, the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn and Mrs. Severn, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sutherland, Doris Stevens, Mr. G. W. Sewell, Mr. Tsang Foo, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. N. Lake Watson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Douglas Wilson, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. J. P. Wilson, Mr. G. G. Wood, Mr. Wong Kwok Kin, Mr. H. L. Wong, the Customs Service, Kowloon; the Chinese Staff of the Customs Service, Kowloon; the Shamshun and Shatukok Customs Offices, Kowloon Railway; the Customs Staff, Lintin (foreign and Chinese staff); the Chinese staff at Taishan; the Officer-in-Charge and staff of Samun Custom House; the telephone attendants of the Chinese Maritime Customs; the Officers of the Revenue Department, the Officer-in-Charge, Kwai-miao Station; the P. & O. B.L. and Allied Lines, the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., the Manager and Staff of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

WHEN you have a bad cold you want a remedy that will not only give relief, but effect a prompt and permanent cure, a remedy that is pleasant to take, a remedy that contains nothing injurious. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all these requirements. It acts on Nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, breaks the fever, and restores the system to a healthy condition. This remedy has a world wide sale and use and can always be depended upon. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

SMUGGLED CIGARETTES.

REVENUE OFFICERS SEIZE BIG HAUL.

Wen Chun, the proprietor of the Yue Cheung Loong firm, of No. 16, Wingat Street, was yesterday summoned before Magistrate Orme at the instance of Revenue Officer Grimmett for having in his possession 119,000 dutiable cigarettes.

Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports, and Exports, conducted the prosecution, and Mr. C. F. Mason, the defence.

Evidence was given to the effect that two coolies who were carrying a load in Wingat Street on the morning of Nov. 2, were stopped by a Chinese revenue officer in consequence of information received and taken with their load, a large case marked in Chinese "Joss sticks," to the Imports and Exports Office. Here the case was examined and found to contain 56,000 cigarettes. From certain statements made by the coolies, the s.s. "Honan" was visited and the name of the consignee of the case was obtained.

Mr. Mason said that his instructions were that the name given to the revenue officers was that of another firm "on the premises of the Yue Cheung Loong firm." He explained that three firms occupied the first floor of No. 16, Wingat Street.

Revenue Officer Grimmett said that acting on further information obtained from the coolies, he searched No. 6, Kwaiwah Lane, used as a godown, and there discovered 62,900 dutiable cigarettes. As the man in charge of the godown could not be found, a Chinese revenue officer was detailed to keep watch.

Later a boy who came to the godown to lock the door was arrested. On him were found several keys and two locks. When questioned, the boy said that he was sent to the godown by Wen Chun (the accused).

Replying to Mr. Mason, R. O. Grimmett said that all the boxes in the godown bore similar marks in Chinese.

The Court interpreter said that the mark on the box produced in Court read "Kwong Nam Heung firm, Canton. Famous joss sticks."

The boy was then called. He said he was a servant to the accused. On the morning in question, a boarder in his master's shop asked him to go to the godown and put two more locks on the door. After his arrest he mentioned to the revenue men the name of the boarder, Chui Yuen.

The rent collector of No. 6, Kwaiwah Lane said the premises were let in September to a man named Liu Tat who paid the rent for October.

After further evidence the Magistrate said that there was insufficient ground to convict and discharged the accused.

WEDDING.

LANG-KOTWALL.

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, of Mr. John Charles Lang, of the Colonial Secretariat, and Miss Susie Nancy Kotwall, daughter of Mr. E. D. Kotwall, the well-known broker and Mrs. Kotwall.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay officiated. There was a large attendance at the Church.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of royal crepe trimmed with silver lace, with a veil of silver net crowned by a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and roses with maiden hair ferns.

Miss Mary Kotwall (sister) was in attendance as bridesmaid, while another sister, little Miss Ruby Kotwall acted as flower girl.

The duties of groomsmen were ably performed by Mr. Henry S. Hall, of the General Electric Company.

After the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at No. 9, Ashley Road where the health of the happy couple was proposed by Mr. W. S. Brown, of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

A large number of beautiful and costly presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Lang left in the evening for Canton where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going away dress was of white flower satin.

FALL FROM WINDOW.

12-YEAR OLD BOY'S SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Suffering from injuries to his head received through a fall from the back window of the first floor of No. 314, Queen's Road Central into the yard below, a 12-year old Chinese boy was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition. A small scalp wound was the only visible injury on his head and in the absence of any flow of blood, it is feared that concussion of the brain might result.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUGGESTS A LEGION COMPROMISE.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the various letters in the Press regarding this association and think the controversy easy of solution.

In the first place the name should be more specific as for instance:—"The British Legion of Trenchers or Trenchmen." Trenchers I think is nicer as it suggests conviviality the true basis of all good fellowship.

The proper name having been decided on real trenchers (men who have actually been in the trenches and under fire mind you) should join the Legion as ordinary or full members with full privileges such as the power to vote, elect committees etc. Others who have done good war-work or like myself have been in a trench but not under fire (although I must admit to having been under fire but not in a trench simultaneously), in fact all those who have failed to qualify as pulka trenchers could join as Associate Members with club privileges but no voting power.

This I think should be acceptable to all and solve the problem.

Yours etc.

ASSOCIATE TRENCHER.

Hongkong, November 16, 1921.

AT THE THEATRE.

"BROWN SUGAR" SCORES AGAIN.

It is a remarkable tribute to the popularity of the piece that, although it has already been staged here twice before, "Brown Sugar," when presented by the Warwick Comedy Company at the Theatre Royal last night drew a far larger audience than has attended any other performance during the company's present season. A sprightly comedy with plenty of bright dialogue, "Brown Sugar" seems to have hit the popular taste where it lives.

Miss Margery Clark, as the chorus girl who marries a Peer and has to "go through it" with her husband's family afterwards gave a characteristically vivacious performance which was largely responsible for the success of the piece. She shared the honours of the evening with Miss Gertrude Godard whose interpretation of the part of the sneering Lady Honoria could not well have been improved upon. Miss Lena Flowerdew made an excellent Countess of Knightsbridge and the menfolk all played their parts well.

W. Somerset Maugham's noted comedy "The Circle" will be staged to-night.

LOVE AND DARING.

WHERE ADVENTURE RIDES FREE.

Dashing Douglas Fairbanks, hero of countless amazing cinema exploits, was never more daring, never more irrepressible than in his latest picture now showing at the Kowloon Theatre—"Arizona," name of the wonderful country where romance and adventure ride together the sun-baked plains and the rugged ranges. Never was his personality more engaging or his humour more infectious than as the young officer of a border troop fearing no man and only one woman—the stern mother of the little girl who has captured his heart. Sunshine and laughter, daring deeds; and dark intrigues, joyous love and cunning jealousy—these are a few of the things that make "Arizona" a typical Fairbanks picture, humorous, thrilling, fascinating.

PLEASURES OF THE TABLE.

Do You Enjoy Them?

Pleasant anticipation of a meal, cheerfulness at the table, and a calm state of mind during digestion are all necessary if we are to get the most good out of the food we eat. But if your stomach is out of order, if everything you eat distresses you, how are these things possible?

Try building up the blood and strengthening the nerves by the tonic treatment. An improvement in your appetite will be the first sign that the tonic treatment is helping you. Then as the digestive organs are toned up to do the work that nature intended, you are able to eat with comfort things that formerly disagreed with you.

To build up the blood there is nothing better than Dr. Williams' pink pills. They tone up the entire system, take the blood rich and red, strengthen the nerves, increase the appetite, and put colour in the cheeks and lips.

You can improve your digestion by taking Dr. Williams' pink pills now. Any dealer can supply, or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Newbury Road, Shanghai, price \$1.00 per bottle, \$3.00 for 3 bottles, post free. For men and women, young and old, Dr. Williams' pink pills are just the tonic you want for improving digestion and promoting a healthy appetite.

SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

K.C.C. 1st v. CRAIGENGOWER.

At Kowloon on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. sharp the following have been selected:—Capt. E. G. Spinks, J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, C. Dance, J. Stalker, F. G. Thompson, F. E. Lawrence, R. Pestonji, C. J. Stapleton, K. R. Macaskill and E. L. Braga.

H.K.C.C. v. 2ND BATTN. WILTS REGT.

The following will represent the Club on Saturday next at 2.15 p.m. on the Club ground:—R. Hancock (Capt.), A. A. Claxton, L. J. Davies, F. H. Farthing, W. J. Hope, B. G. Lammert, L. D. McNicoll, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, A. B. Raworth and M. M. Watson.

I.R.C. 2ND v. R.A.M.C.

The following will play for the I.R.C. 2nd XI against the R.A.M.C. on the home ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—E. Ali Moosdeen (Captain), E. Moosdeen, N. M. Bux, R. Nazarin, N. Kitchell, A. H. Madar, A. K. Alimi, O. Rumjahn, A. K. Rahumad, M. Sadick and A. A. Wahab. Reserve:—M. H. Madar.

I.R.C. 1ST v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will play for the I.R.C. 1st XI against the University on the latter's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.:—A. H. Arculli (Captain), M. H. Abbas, A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. Curruen, D. Rumjahn, O. Ismail, S. A. R. Ismail, and S. Abbas. Reserve:—F. M. Arculli.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

JAPANESE PAPERS NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC.

The Japanese papers have not given Lord Northcliffe the enthusiastic welcome that was at first expected. The *Times* having supported the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, it was rather a shock to the Press to discover, from the interview telegraphed from Hongkong that Lord Northcliffe's studies of the subject for the past two years had led him to the conclusion that the Alliance had outlived its usefulness. The *Kokumin* and the *Asahi* hope that now that Lord Northcliffe has the opportunity of seeing Japan for himself, he will change his opinion about the Alliance, though how that effect can be produced it is impossible to say. The Alliance being something quite independent of the manners of the people and the charm of the scenery. Lord Northcliffe has probably had too many years' experience of earnest persuasions for assurances that things are not what they seem to have very much effect upon him. The *Jiji* hopes that the Japanese people will lay before him their case, in order to secure his powerful influence. The *Yomiuri*, singular among Japanese newspapers in its capacity for seeing from a detached point of view, agrees with Lord Northcliffe about the Alliance having outlived its usefulness, though it acknowledges that it would be still of advantage to Japan, but for the inevitable hostility that it arouses in America and China.

ROUGH WEATHER.

CHINESE COASTER OVERDUE.

MANY VESSELS DELAYED.

Many vessels have been delayed owing to the rough weather which is at present being experienced in the China Seas and there is one small Chinese coaster, the s.s. "Kwai Wah" which is now three weeks overdue. She left Quinhon, on the coast of Annam, on October 23 for Hongkong and has not been heard of since. The owners, the Wai Hing Company, have written in to the Harbour Master asking him to make inquiries from masters coming here from the South.

A good deal of anxiety is being felt in regard to the Japanese cargo boat "New York Maru" which went ashore near the Paracels ten days ago. There has been heavy weather ever since then and, as the vessel is on the weather side of the reef, rescue work has been impossible. The M.B.K. salvage steamer "Azuma Maru" arrived here from Moji yesterday and will leave for the Paracels as soon as weather conditions permit.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

It may be impossible to prevent an accident, but it is not impossible to be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Pain Expeller is not beyond anyone's purse, and with a bottle of this liniment you are prepared for most accidents. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

BANKRUPTCY NOS. 8 & 11 OF 1920
RE THE TRUCK SHING HONG.

Bankruptcy Notice.

A FINAL DIVIDEND of \$1.75 per cent has been declared in the above matter.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovementioned dividend may be received at the offices of Messrs. PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 28th November 1921, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and any subsequent day during the same hours.

Creditors applying for payment must produce any bills of exchange or other securities held by them and must sign a receipt in the prescribed form.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A.,
CHEUNG WAI YING, } Trustees.
KWAN KI SANG,
Hongkong, November 14, 1921.

WANTED.

WANTED.—EUROPEAN OFFICE ASSISTANT for Canton. Experience in Exports preferred. Apply Box 1334, c/o "China Mail."

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL L. G. BURN, D.S.O.
Administrative Commandant.

1. Camp.

The Mounted Infantry Section, Infantry and Machine Gun Platoons will go into Camp at LOWU on Friday evening the 18th till Sunday evening the 20th instant.

The 5.27 p.m. and 7.09 p.m. Trains from Kowloon will stop at Bridge 47 on Friday, 18th instant.

The following trains will also stop at Bridge 47 on Saturday 19th and Sunday, 20th instant.

MORNING

Up Trains from Kowloon to Bridge 47.

6.41 A.M.

8.35 A.M. (Sunday only).

9.15 A.M.

1.18 P.M. (Saturday only).

Dress for Camp, as detailed in Corps Orders on Wednesday, 9th instant.

BAGGAGE

Member wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at LOWU must deliver it, clearly labelled with owner's name, at Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 18th instant, and 10 a.m. on Saturday, 19th instant.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt-Major,
Adjutant, H. V. D. Corps.
Hongkong.
Thursday, 17th November, 1921.

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On Monday, 21st November,

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Hongkong, November 17, 1921.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

A copy of this Prospectus in English and Chinese has been filed with the Registrar of Companies

The Subscription list will open on 15th day of November, 1921 and will close on or before 15th day of December, 1921.

THE HONGKONG HIDE AND LEATHER COMPANY, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1911-1921)

SHARE CAPITAL \$1,000,000.00

Divided into 100,000 ordinary shares of \$10 each.

Of the above shares 18,710 are to be issued and credited as paid up, and as hereinafter mentioned, 56,290 of the remaining shares are now offered for public subscription, payable as follows:—

\$5 per Share on Application. \$5 per Share on Allotment.

It is not proposed to issue the balance of 25,000 shares until it shall appear necessary or advisable to do so (in the interests of the Company) and for the purpose of the further development of the Company's undertaking.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. LAU CHU PAK, Gentleman, China Road, Hongkong.
W. A. DOWLEY, Exchange and Billion Broker, Room 6, Post Office Buildings, Hongkong.
M. CHAN HARR, Managing Director, Sincere Company, Limited, Hongkong.
HO JACK LUM, Partner, Kwong Sang Lee, Hongkong.
W. M. HUMPHREYS, Partner, W. G. Humphreys & Co., 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

BANKERS.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,
Bank of China.

SOLICITORS.—Wilkinson and Grist.
SECRETARY.—Sydney Humphreys.

AUDITORS.—Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming.
REGISTERED OFFICE.—5, Duddell Street.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

Object.—This Company has been formed to purchase as a going concern the business known as the Humphreys Hide and Leather Works carried on by the firm of W. G. Humphreys and Company of No. 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong.

Business.—The business comprises the manufacture of all kinds of Leather and the dealing in of hides and skins, and of all descriptions of goods and merchandise incidental to the business of such nature, and is carried on upon extensive, well-built, commodious, and modern premises situated at Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, on Kowloon

Premises at Inland Lots Nos. 1267 and 640, which contain an area of 110,942 square feet, held under Ma Tau Kok—a Crown Lease for 75 years with an option of a further 75 years from the 18th day of December, 1911, subject to a Crown rent of \$506.00 per annum. These premises are within the Offensive Trade Area as defined by the Sanitary Authority and a licence has been granted by the Government to carry on the business of a Tannery in all respects thereon.

Site.—The Site is ideal for the purposes of the business, its area is ample for any future extensions that may be necessary, it is situated on the main road between Hok Un and Kowloon City, and is in close proximity to the sea front.

Buildings.—The extensive buildings erected on the Property are constructed of the best solid brick and concrete with tiled roofs, and concrete pits and floor, this type of construction ensures a low rate of Insurance against Fire.

Machinery and motive power.—The Tannery is equipped with the most up-to-date Hide and Leather working machinery. The motive power is supplied by a 100 H.P. Crude Oil Bolinder Engine with Generator direct connected, the various processes in the Tannery being operated by separate Electric drives from individual Motors.

Water supply.—There is an independent supply of water from a specially constructed Well on the premises which is ample and suitable for the business.

Labour.—A plentiful and healthy supply of cheap country labour both male and female is always obtainable. The expansion of the business will therefore provide employment to a large number of Chinese labourers whose increased efficiency and development is in itself sufficient to commend this undertaking to all those who have the interests of Chinese and British trade at heart. From the foregoing facts it is asserted that from its equipment and position the Tannery has few equals.

Purposes of Formation.—The Reasons of the Vendors in turning the business into a limited liability Company, are:—(a) To procure the necessary additional Capital required, in order to meet the increasing demand for their Leather. (b) To further develop the business along sound progressive lines.

TERMS OF PURCHASE.

The premises are sold to the Company subject to a charge to the Mortgagees to secure \$300,000 at an interest of 87 per cent per annum. The Mortgagees stipulate that \$160,000 shall be repaid by the Company at an early date and consent to the balance remaining on loan. If as anticipated the shares now offered to the public are fully subscribed it is proposed to pay off the whole debt forthwith.

Valuation of Property.—Hereunder are set forth at conservative figures the value of the property purchased by the Company and upon which the Vendors have based the purchase price.

Land (K. I. L. 1267 and 640—110,942 Sq. feet) and Buildings thereon as valued by J. Caer Clark, Architect and Surveyor.	\$ 300,505.00
Machinery and Plant as valued by Robt. Hunter, of Macdonald & Co., Engineers.	120,779.11
Stock of Hides, Leather, Chemicals and Materials etc., as per valuation by S. Humphreys and certified by Edmund McGrath, Tanner, less amounts due as shown by the books.	65,621.05
	\$ 487,105.16

No charge for goodwill, etc.—In as much as the undertaking is a comparatively new one, the Vendors present to the Company the goodwill of the business and the trade marks and chops relating to their goods which are already well known and growing in popularity rapidly.

The Vendors also claim no recompense for approximately 2 years of careful experimental work as a result of which, climatic and other difficulties have been overcome, the types of Leather most suited to the Chinese market gauged, and exact manufacturing cost ascertained.

APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL.

The capital of \$562,900 to be provided by the present issue of 56,290 shares now offered for public subscription, is intended as regards \$262,900:

(a) To provide for the extension of the drying accommodation of Tannery.

(b) For the purpose of providing further working capital in order to finance the rapidly increasing business.

The balance will be devoted to paying off the existing loan of \$300,000 upon the security of the Property.

Dividends.—It is provided by the Articles of Association that a preferential dividend of 10% per annum be paid to shareholders before any appropriation of profits is made by the Directors to the Reserve Fund.

Contract.—The following contract has been entered into:—

Contract dated the 10th day of November 1921 between W. G. Humphreys & Co., of 5, Duddell Street, Hongkong, Merchants, the owners of the one part and Charles David Wilkinson on behalf of the Company of the other part for the sale of the business and the leasehold property registered in the Land Office as Kowloon Inland Lots 640 and 1267 together with all messuages, tenements, fixtures, erections and buildings erected thereon.

The purchase price for the sale of the properties has been fixed by the vendors who are the promoters of the Company at \$487,100, nothing being charged for the goodwill. Of this sum \$300,000 will be payable to the Mortgagees for the purpose of paying off a loan of that amount advanced to the Vendors on the security of the properties, and the balance of \$187,100 will be paid and satisfied by the allotment of 18,710 ordinary shares credited as fully paid up.

Confidence of the Vendors.—That the Vendors themselves have every confidence in the undertaking is shown by the fact that they are receiving no cash consideration for the sale of the Tannery, but are accepting shares in the new Company.

Applications will be received by:—Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China and Bank of China.

And Prospectus and forms of application can be obtained at the above Banks, or from:—Members of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, Members of the Hongkong Share Brokers Association, The Registered Office of the Company, or at the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

MODERNIZING CHINA.

SIGNIFICANCE OF HONGKONG LAUNCHING.

The significance of the launching of a steamer at Hongkong built for the Chungking run and able to carry heavy machinery will not be over looked in commercial circles in China. It portends a great advance in the far west. In there were only three or four orders for plant to provide machinery in China about a year ago. power or to make light. The seeds

of development, however, were there, and the far-sighted merchant is today anticipating their rapid growth. Already one ship-repairing yard is in process of construction for the upper river, and later on there will inevitably be a demand for machinery, as to-day there is the demand for textiles from that quarter. It is fascinating to speculate upon the type of power to be developed there, whether white power, by the harnessing of the waters, or otherwise. But whatever it may be, there will be the need for heavy plant from the foundries of the west.

one thing was specially noticeable, that they came largely from this side of Hankow, says the N. C. D. News. Electric lighting plants were being ordered by various cities of some size in the country; but off the main line of communications—the Yangtze—the little enterprise was seen. Changsha's neighbourhood showed a certain amount of interest, but in the little exploited west people remained contented with the conveniences of a former day. Past Hankow, however, there were only three or four orders for plant to provide machinery in China about a year ago. power or to make light. The seeds

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Dec. 11.—B. F.	City of the Garter.
Dec. 14.—P. & O.	Dunora.
Dec. 17.—B. F.	Yangtze.
Dec. 20.—B. F.	Yanfa.
Dec. 23.—B. F.	Lycon.
Dec. 26.—B. F.	Baryochus.
Dec. 29.—B. F.	Helenus.
Dec. 31.—B. F.	Clayton.
Jan. 3.—P. & O.	Egypt.
Jan. 6.—B. F.	City of Cambridge.
Jan. 9.—B. F.	Atrous.
Jan. 12.—B. F.	Keenun.

FROM JAPAN.

Nov. 18.—N. Y. K.	Gancho Maru.
Nov. 21.—B. F.	Maebashi.
Nov. 24.—P. & O.	Narawa.
Nov. 27.—B. F.	Aratama Apat.
Nov. 30.—P. & O.	Lihore.
Dec. 3.—B. F.	Obates.
Dec. 6.—P. & O.	Somali.
Dec. 9.—B. F.	Tanda.
Dec. 12.—B. F.	Termin.
Dec. 15.—P. & O.	Torinara.
Dec. 18.—B. F.	Juliaephon.
Dec. 21.—P. & O.	Nellora.
Dec. 24.—B. F.	Danza.
Dec. 27.—P. & O.	Rurypina.
Dec. 30.—B. F.	Kashmir.
Jan. 2.—B. F.	Tanaka.
Jan. 5.—B. F.	Calohia.
Jan. 8.—B. F.	Pyrius.
Jan. 11.—P. & O.	Kashgar.
Jan. 14.—B. F.	Khiva.
Jan. 17.—P. & O.	Memor.
Jan. 20.—B. F.	Novanha.
Jan. 23.—P. & O.	Torinara.
Jan. 26.—B. F.	Kalyan.
Jan. 29.—P. & O.	Plassy.

FROM MANILA.

Nov. 18.—B. F.	Ixi n.
Nov. 21.—T. K. K.	Tonyo Maru.
Nov. 24.—B. F.	Talhybius.
Nov. 27.—B. F.	Tyndarus.
Nov. 30.—B. F.	Protesilaus.
Dec. 3.—B. F.	Talhybius.
Dec. 6.—B. F.	Tyndarus.

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Nov. 20.—J. C. J. L. Tipanaka.

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Dec. 2.—C. P. S.	Empress of Russia.
Dec. 5.—B. F.	Tyndarus.
Dec. 8.—B. F.	Protesilaus.
Dec. 11.—B. F.	Talhybius.
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Nov. 19.—T. K. K. Tonyo Maru.

Nov. 22.—T. K. K. Korea Maru.

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Nov. 22.—D. L. Bowen Castle.

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Nov. 20.—N. Y. K.	Yokohama Maru.
Nov. 23.—P. & O.	Nellora.
Nov. 26.—N. Y. K.	Kleist.
Nov. 29.—N. Y. K.	Michima Maru.
Dec. 2.—N. Y. K.	Glenavy.
Dec. 5.—P. & O.	Dongola.
Dec. 8.—B. F.	Glenavy.
Dec. 11.—G. L.	Glenhuc.
Dec. 14.—P. & O.	Rashmir.
Dec. 17.—N. Y. K.	Sado Maru.
Dec. 20.—P. & O.	Egypt.
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GOLD INDUSTRY LABOUR CONDITIONS.**IMPORTANT COMPROMISE EFFECTED.**

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An important compromise has been effected as regards conditions of labour in the gold mining industry, the men agreeing to various alterations which practically insure eight hours work daily by natives under white supervision.

LATER.

The new regulations allow greater freedom in the employment of experienced natives while greater efficiency will be achieved among the rank and file of the natives.

[The miners threaten to strike against the Government proposals to effect economy in working the mines by altering the regulations so as to ensure native labourers working underground the full shift of eight hours instead of five hours as at present. The miners declare that the proposals meant the abolition of the colour bar, decrease in the number of whites employed, and increase in the accident and death rate.]

ROYAL DUTCH SHARES SETBACK.**SHARES FOR DIVIDENDS INSTEAD OF CASH.**

LONDON, November 16.

Royal Dutch shares have met with a setback to thirty-five. The Company proposes to distribute dividends in the form of common shares instead of cash. The idea is that the company intends reserve to its cash resources in view of the difficulty of raising fresh capital on favourable terms.

DUTCH CONSTITUTION.**TREATY PROCEDURE.**

HAAGUE, November 16.

The Second Chamber has accepted a Liberal amendment to the constitution providing that all treaties shall be submitted for approval of the States General.

MOTOR SHIP COMING.**SECOND LARGEST OF ITS KIND
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After a highly successful trip from the United States the first American motorship to reach China—the second largest craft of her kind in the world—is now in Shanghai harbour.

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After discharging her Shanghai cargo, the "William Penn" will go to Foochow and Swatow and thence to Hongkong and Manila. At the latter port she will load for European ports and will proceed to London by way of the Suez canal and then on to New York.

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SNATCHER CAUGHT.**IMPUDENT THEFT FROM
EUROPEAN LADY.****A PEDDER STREET INCIDENT.**

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour, twelve strokes of the birch and four hours' stocks was passed by Magistrate Lindsell this morning on a Chinese youth named Pang Pui who was charged with stealing from Mrs. Crofton, in Pedder Street, yesterday afternoon, a gold bracelet watch valued at \$35.

Mrs. Crofton said that she wore the watch in the breast pocket of her coat with the bracelet hanging out for fashion. She was walking under the verandah of the Hongkong Hotel in Pedder Street about 1.30 p.m., yesterday with her husband and Mr. Barrows, and when passing a pillar, felt a light touch. She at once found her watch gone. Looking round the pillar, she saw no one, but a sailor walking behind her, pointed to the accused who was strolling along in front of them, carrying his hat in his hand. They hurried after the accused and Mr. Crofton caught him by the arm. The accused said "No, no," but Mr. Crofton held him while Mr. Barrows, went for the police. A minute later witness heard metal strike the pavement and looking down saw her watch at accused's feet.

The accused denied snatching the watch. He said he was passing a pillar when he noticed the watch on the ground. When he stooped to pick it up Mr. Crofton seized him.

Mr. C. Crofton of the China Light and Power Company said that when his wife missed her watch, there were only two Chinese on the pavement and both were walking in front of them. "A leading stoker pointed to the accused, whom Mr. Barrows and I then seized. Accused resented being held, but did not act as if he wanted to break away." The watch was on the ground at Mr. Barrows' feet and the latter picked it up. The witness did not hear it fall.

Leading Stoker Skinner, of the "Tamar" said he saw the accused standing behind a pillar. As Mrs. Crofton passed, he put his arm round the side of the pillar and took the watch. Accused then dodged round the pillar and walked away in front. The witness at once pointed out the accused.

The Magistrate decided to convict, and Inspector Cashman having proved a previous conviction in 1915, passed the sentence recorded above.

The French sloop "Altaïre" came in this morning and the usual salutes were fired.

One case of diphtheria and another of paratyphoid fever, both Chinese, were notified yesterday.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Y. K. Chow of the Kailan Mining Administration, Tientsin, to Miss Rose Helen Lee of No. 38, Robinson Road.

Mr. Lady Stubbs will be present at Mr. Harry Ore's third piano recital in the City Hall on Monday afternoon when the programme will be selected from the work of the Romantics.

Chinese pawnshops have been unsuccessful in their appeal to the Peking Government to have the pawn ticket stamp tax laws rescinded. The Government, in its reply, states that the financial condition of the country is at a very low ebb and money is needed. The new regulation requires that stamp tax shall be levied upon all pawn tickets of the value of one dollar or more.

TO-NIGHT!!

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LORD NORTHCLIFFE.**COMMENTS BY THE JAPANESE
PRESS.****A TEMPERED ENTHUSIASM.**

In a recent note we mentioned the somewhat damping effect that Lord Northcliffe's pronouncement (in a special interview with a representative of the *Japan Chronicle*) on the Anglo-Japanese Alliance had had on the Press welcomes, says the Kobe paper. Not that they neglected such good "copy." There was the usual horde at Yokohama, but so experienced a strategist as Lord Northcliffe is not to be torn to pieces like an unworried Rabinathan Tagore or an invalid Bertrand Russell. He gently but firmly pointed out that he had seen only the rocky coast of Kyushu and the distant prospect of the magnificent, imitable, unique, and indescribable Fuji, and that was all that he knew about Japan for the present. Concerning his personal impressions he was equally firm in the conviction that he had been on the ship long enough to need a game of golf before he would be able to expand conversationally. This was a second setback, but the Press soon recovered its resilience, and has devoted quite a fair allotment of space to the latest distinguished visitor, though in a slightly chastened mood, albeit cordial and polite. At the same time they show an unmistakable inclination to "come round" and face the logic of facts. The *Chugyo Shogyo Shimpo*, a leading commercial paper, protectionist in its economics and "strong" in its foreign policy, discusses the supposed change in Lord Northcliffe's attitude towards the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. At Manila, it says, he refused to express his views to a Japanese reporter on the plea that misunderstanding might arise owing to the difference in language. In Hongkong, he published a statement declaring that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance should be cancelled and that Japan had received sufficient compensation for her faithful adherence to the terms of the Alliance. In a letter sent to the *Times*, he endorsed the allegation of the Southern Government that the Peking Government was under Japan's control. Lord Northcliffe's determined attitude may be gathered from these outspoken statements made prior to his arrival in Japan. It is especially significant that intentionally or unintentionally the term of his visit here has been shortened and that he has refused all welcome dinners and proposes to spend his one day in Tokyo playing golf. Perhaps, his coming to Japan through America and China may have biased him against Japan to some extent. His quarrel with the British Premier and Foreign Secretary may also partly account for his present attitude towards Japan, for it is a well-known fact that the British Government is desirous of renewing the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. But it is a mistake to suppose that a typical Englishman should be carried away by his feelings too far when discussing the policy to be adopted by his country. He is an enthusiastic promoter of Anglo-American amity by conviction, but at the same time he did not cease to be friendly to this country, until Britain had to choose between Anglo-American amity and the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. He had then no hesitation in rejecting the latter for the former, even going to the length of declaring that Britain would take sides with America in the event of a America-Japanese war. The anti-Japanese attitude of Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the great American newspaper proprietor, is notorious but his papers do not carry much weight among Americans. But what if Lord Northcliffe's papers should start a campaign against Japan's militarism? And this is not a purely imaginary question. The attitude of Lord Northcliffe and that of the British nation represented by his papers in future are thus worthy of our careful attention.

ARMED ROBBERY.**CAUSEWAY BAY HOUSE
ENTERED.**

A married woman living in Causeway Bay, has reported to the district police that about 1 a.m., yesterday, four men, one armed with a revolver and another with an iron bar, gained admittance to her house by forcing the front door. While the armed men stood guard over her, an amah and a small girl, the others ransacked the place and stole property to the value of \$234.

The police are guarding all wharves and railway stations, but in view of the fact that the report of the robbery was not made until nine hours later, it is doubtful if they will get the robbers.

TOKYO AFTERMATH**ALL HOPES CENTRE ON
MARQUIS SAIONJI.**

Tokyo, Nov. 6.—The Elder Statesman, with the exception of Prince Yamagata, who is indisposed at his country villa and is unable to come to Tokyo, are meeting at the Palace to-day.

All hopes seem to centre on Marquis Saionji, who, after his arrival in Tokyo to-day, had a long conference with Baron Makino. While other possibilities for the Premiership are being freely discussed, including the appointment of Baron Makino, Baron Goto and Baron Den, the Governor-General of Formosa, it is believed that no other solution is possible but for Marquis Saionji to accept the Premiership in order to carry on the present policies in view of the opening of the Washington Conference, to calm down the present general uneasiness and to prevent any serious economic disturbance. The formation of any other Cabinet but a Saionji one at the present time is generally admitted to be impossible. Marquis Saionji's long connection with the party is believed to throw the moral obligation on him to take up the task, at least for the present. It is expected that a prompt decision will result from to-day's meeting and an announcement will be made as early as possible.

It is reported that the War Minister, General Yamagata, who unwillingly accepted the Portfolio on June 10, is determined to resign, whoever is the next Premier.

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Malaya, (Manners & Backhouse) from Yokohama.—A.5.
Venatchee, (Admiral Line) from Manila.—A.2.
Sumatra, (Swedish Trading Co.) from Gottingen, Singapore.—Wharf.
Tango Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Malbourn, Manila.—Wharf.
Kawachi Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Kobe, Moji.—Wharf.
Shanghai Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—C.16.
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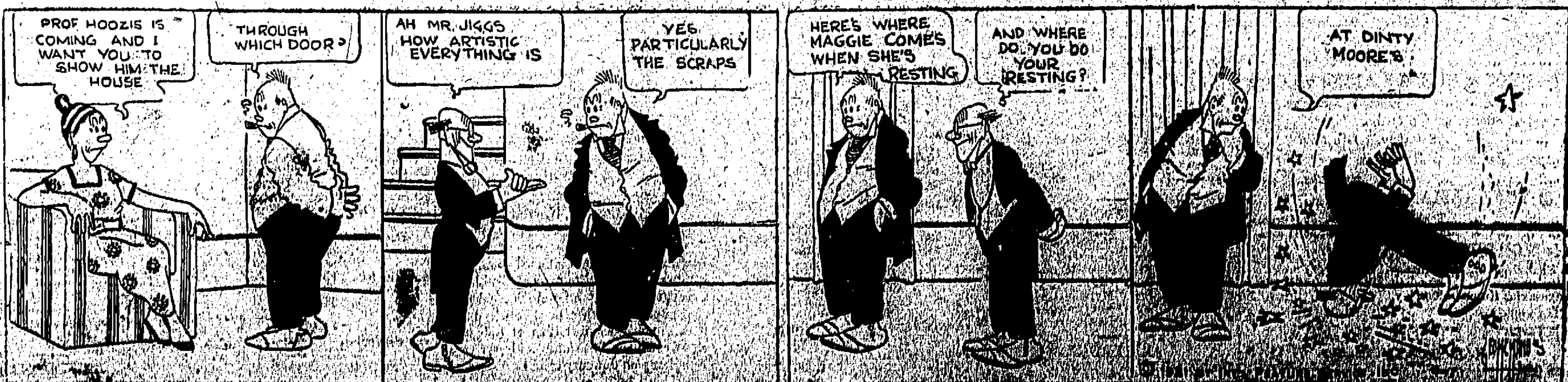
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EUROPE via Suez (Letters only, London 20th Oct.)	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20.	Yokohama Maru
Straits	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21.	Lima Maru
EUROPE via Suez (Letters only, London 20th Oct.)	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.	Nellore
Straits	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.	Tsuyama Maru
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Amoy, Shanghai and North China	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19.	Waihsing 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20.	Tsimanook 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21.	Lake Fairer 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.	Sinaloa 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23.	Hanoi 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24.	Kawachi Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25.	Fuchimi Maru 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26.	Chuenchow 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27.	Waihsing 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28.	Tsimanook 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and North China	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29.	Lake Fairer 11 a.m.
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